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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the following U.S. Application:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/456,291	12/08/1999	3726 (Pending)
09/871,626	06/04/2001	2834 (Pending)
10/047,108	01/17/2002	Unassigned (Pending)

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the cited U.S. applications are enclosed.

FOREIGN PATENT

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2001-145376	Japan	May 25, 2001

REMARKS

JP '376 is discussed on page 4 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons noted therein.

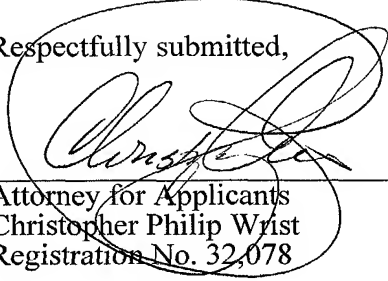
It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

FORMAL MATTERS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Official Action on the merits of the subject application has not yet been issued, neither a certificate, petition nor payment of a fee is believed to be required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

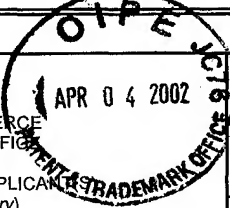
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